

## [Frank Wright]

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NAME OF WORKER Bessie [Jollenbsten?] ADDRESS [Ogallala?], Nebr.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT Frank Wright

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were both born in Loraine County, Ohio. Mr. Wright was born January 8, 1851, and Mrs. Wright was born August 1, 1854 and they were united in marriage, August 31, 1873.

Being full of determination, as to the possibilities of a new country, in the spring of 1874 [they?] came westward, with other emigrants, crossing through Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. Their final decision being [Belvidere?], Nebr., where they purchased 160 acres of land at \$2.25 per acre.

It was very dry and unfavorable the first part of the year, and Mrs. Wrights parents came from Ohio, on a visit, being discouraged with conditions, they plead with them to return to the "Buckeye State" which they refused to do. But [luck?] was [with?] them, in June rains began to fall, and they raised [a?] bountiful crop.

Here is where their four children were born, [Bernie, Bert, Mable?], and Harry, Bert having been killed in a train wreck some years ago, leaving a wife and five children. Harry is the only one living and he and his wife and six children live at [Ong.?] Neb.

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After living on this farm for 16 years they purchased a meat market at Geneva, Nebr., which he operated for twenty years including the dry ninties. During this time he almost failed by buying too much land in Thayer County.

But again he was determined to suceed, and finally sold his land and butcher shop at a large profit in 1908. Mr. Wright and his wife came to Lemoyns in 1909, at which time they purchased the Jacobs ranch containing [672?] acres in the North Platte Valley, eight miles west of Keystone Dam [which?] was constructed two years ago. Where they still reside, their son is staying with them for awhile.

The Wrights have recently sold all of their valley land to the Tri-County Irrigation Project. It consisted of 1,300 acres and the price [was?] \$75,000, he received cash. All the buildings still belong to him.

The dam not being completed, he has leased the land back for one year for \$2,000. Mr. Wright gave most of this money to his son Harry and his grandchildren. He bought \$7,500 worth of Government Bonds and gave his wife, bought one quarter of land at Lexington Nebraska, for \$15,000 another quarter in Thayer County for \$9,600.

He still has four and one half sections of pasture land in the hills and one quarter of land three miles east of the dam. It is under irrigation.

He also has 450 head of cattle and all his machinery and equipment to run the ranch, which is without incumbence.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Wright's health is good for people of their ages. They perform many of their necessary duties.